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1. On 24 October 1953, the Neue Reiter Kaserne in Ludwigslust was occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia and some with artillery insignia. The barracks buildings were 90 percent lighted at dusk. The watch towers in the south corner of the billeting area were occupied by sentries.

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2. On 24 October, the Alte Reiter Kaserne was unoccupied as the barracks buildings were not lighted at dusk.

3. On 24 October, the Tschentin airfield was heavily occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The barracks buildings were brightly lighted at dusk. No motor vehicles and heavy weapons were noticed.

4. On 24 October, the Ludwigslust komendatura was entered by numerous officers.

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Comment. About mid-October, the units of the 18th Mecz Div had returned to their posts from the Wittstock troop training grounds.

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The present report tends to indicate that the Neue Reiter Kaserne was reoccupied by the 59th Mecz Regt and Tschentin airfield by the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division. The information that the Alte Reiter Kaserne was not occupied corresponds with observations in Perleberg that the 1054th How Arty Regt previously stationed in Ludwigslust and the 32d RL Bn (US) of the division moved to the airfield installations there.

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